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Letter dated 2 November 2005 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the members of the Security Council have authorized Ambassador Kenzo Oshima (Japan), in his capacity as Chairman of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Security Council, to visit the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea from 6 to 9 November, 2005. The members of the Council have agreed on the terms of reference of his mission (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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President of the Security Council

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Annex

Terms of reference

1. Concerned by the difficulties that the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) has been facing as a result of the recent developments regarding the Mission's freedom of movement, the Security Council has authorized Ambassador Kenzo Oshima, Chairman of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Security Council, to visit UNMEE separately from the Council's mission to Central Africa. He will visit UNMEE offices and, if feasible, UNMEE positions in the Temporary Security Zone.

2. Acting on behalf of the Security Council, Ambassador Oshima will meet with UNMEE officials and those representing troop contributors, and exchange views with them on the situation on the ground and the activities of UNMEE. He will convey to UNMEE officials and those representing troop contributors the Council's unequivocal support for their work and appeal to them to persevere in maintaining their presence, despite the immense difficulties UNMEE is facing, to avoid a possible deterioration of the situation, while all the necessary steps are being taken to alleviate operational problems.

3. Ambassador Oshima will thereafter report back to the Security Council on his findings.